

OK-2-SAY

Program Overview




Introduction

Recent acts of school violence remind us that we have a *student safety problem* that hurts schools, communities, and families.

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Attorney General Bill Schuette, the Office of the Governor, the Michigan State Police, and the Michigan Department of Education are taking action to secure Michigan schools. Their new student safety initiative is called:

OK-2-SAY



What is OK-2-SAY?

A communication system that empowers students, parents, schools, and law enforcement to share and respond to tips that deter violence.

The Problem

*A culture of
silence that
makes it
“uncool” to
tell on your
friends.*



The Consequence

In 81% of violent acts in U.S. schools, someone other than the attacker had knowledge of the attacker's plan but failed to report it.



Pollack, William, William Modzeleski, and Georgeann Rooney. "Prior Knowledge of Potential School-Based Violence: Information Students Learn May Prevent a Targeted Attack." *U.S. Secret Service Official Website*. May, 2008. <http://www.secretservice.gov/ntac/bystander_study.pdf>.

How Does It Work?

OK-2-SAY encourages communication among students and caring, professional adults through:

- **Confidential Reporting**
- **Comprehensive Technology**
- **Coordinated Intervention**
- **Complete Disposition**

Confidential Reporting

**Reporter confidentiality is
guaranteed.**



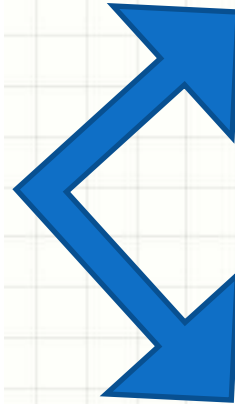
Comprehensive Technology

Tip submissions are available 24/7.



Coordinated Intervention

MSP will take reports and promptly provide information to local law enforcement agencies and/or school districts.



Complete Disposition

To promote accountability, program operators will complete disposition reports detailing:

- Type of tip
- Response
- Outcome
- Suggestions for improvement



Benefits

- **Increased Safety**
- **Collaborative Support**
- **Timely Response**
- **Improved Academic Performance**

Increased Safety



**OK-2-SAY
facilitates
responses to
harmful behaviors
like bullying,
substance abuse,
weapons
possession, and
suicide threats.**

Collaborative Support



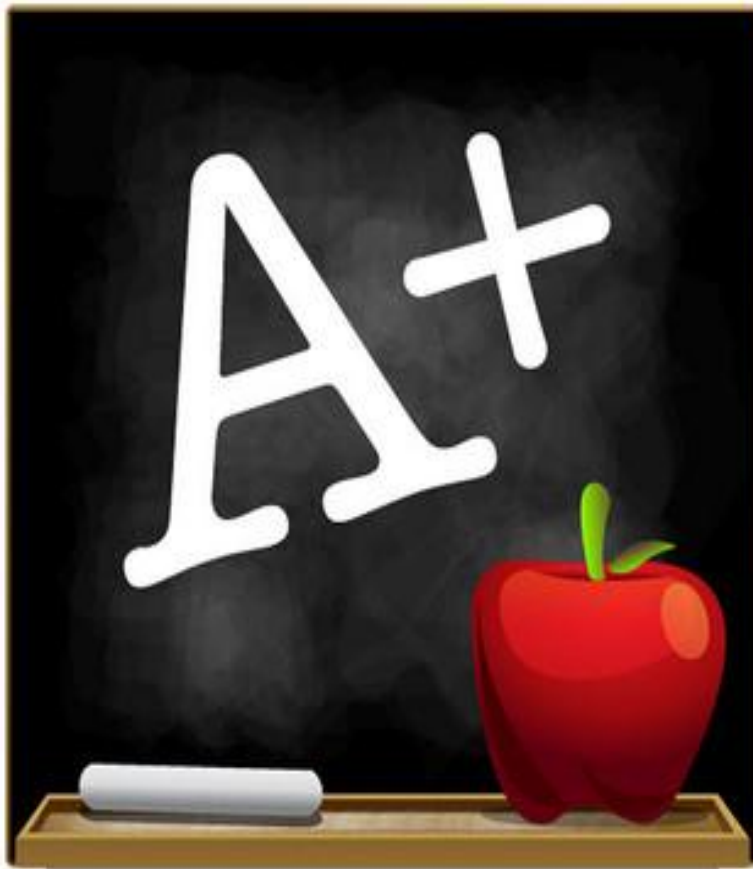
**OK-2-SAY
empowers
dialogue where
students feel safe
reporting
dangerous
situations to
authorities.**

Timely Response

OK-2-SAY
encourages prompt
responses to
submitted reports
through police
coordination,
disposition filings,
and 24/7
availability.



Improved Academic Performance



OK-2-SAY creates a safer learning environment where students can reach their full academic potential.

Proven Success

**Other states have
implemented similar
student safety programs
that have saved lives.**

Colorado

Program has documented and resolved:

- 28 planned school attacks
- 275 gun / weapon incidents
- 442 sexual offenses
- 890 planned suicides
- 1,636 bullying incidents

Missouri

Successes Include:

- Tips sent through mobile app
- 1,000+ reports in 2011
- 80% of law enforcement say the hotline promotes cooperation between law enforcement agencies and school officials

Timeline

The target is to begin the program by September, 2013, to coincide with the start of the 2013-2014 academic year.



Questions? Feedback?

We value your input! E-mail your questions or
comments to:

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